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25X1 1. [] Met with Ed Braswell, and John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who said that Senator Fulbright and Carl Marcy, of Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, had indicated orally to Senator Stennis that they had no objection to Stennis' reported revision of Section 405(b) of the Foreign Assistance Act, limiting the State Department's reporting responsibilities on foreign activities to matters within the jurisdiction of the appropriate committees. Goldsmith and Braswell further indicated that they hoped to get an amendment which would knock out Section 513 of the bill, requiring congressional authorization to finance military operations in Southeast Asia.

25X1 2. [] Accompanied the Agency Senior Seminar class who lunched in the Speaker's Dining Room with Representative William E. Minshall who spoke to them of the problems of the Congress and the Appropriations Committee and answered a number of questions. He was especially complimentary regarding the Agency and complimented the Agency on its tight budget and personnel structure and professional competence. He expressed concern, however, over what he referred to as the [] intelligence budget of the military and strong skepticism regarding the effectiveness of a number of military intelligence operations.

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Mr. Darrell St. Claire addressed the Senior Seminar on the main issues and attitudes within the Senate, and the current state of relations between the Executive and Legislative as viewed from the perspective of the Senate in general and the Foreign Relations Committee in particular. Like Minshall, he said the Agency has an excellent image on the Hill.

25X1 3. [] Reminded Art Kuhl, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, that I was awaiting a call from Carl Marcy as to when he would like to discuss Senator Fulbright's letter to the Director requesting NIE's on Southeast Asia. Kuhl said he would pass this reminder on to Marcy at the first opportunity.